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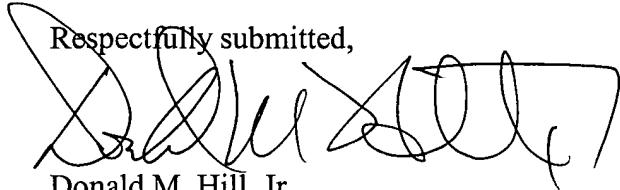
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The claims have been amended to correct misspellings and to eliminate multiple-dependencies.

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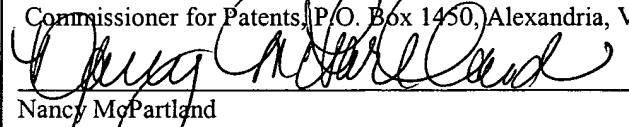
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